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In re Patent Application of

**SCHNEIDER et al**

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For: **LONG-LASTING AQUEOUS  
DISPERSIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF  
PRESSURE-RESISTANT GAS-FILLED  
MICROVESICLES AND METHODS FOR  
THE PREPARATION THEREOF**

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September 30, 1998

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)**

Applicants hereby petition to have action suspended in this application for a period of at least 6 months as provided by Rule 103 and MPEP 709.

Dr. Nenad Tomov, the person responsible for preparing and prosecuting this application in the assignee company, Bracco Reserach S.A. of Geneva, Switzerland, was aboard ill fated Swissair Flight 111 on September 2, 1998 when it crashed; see the attached list of those killed on this flight as published in the New York Times. Dr. Tomov was in fact returning to his home in Geneva following a series of interviews at the US Patent and Trademark Office on August 31 and September 1, 1998.

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Applicants and those in Switzerland now involved with the prosecution of this application require time to organize and in some cases reconstruct files of the U.S. and other patent applications handled by the late Dr. Tomov. At present efforts are being made to respond to all U.S. applications in which Official Actions or other communications have already been issued.

To the knowledge of the undersigned as of this date there are no outstanding Official Actions or responses required by applicants in this application [see 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a), last sentence].

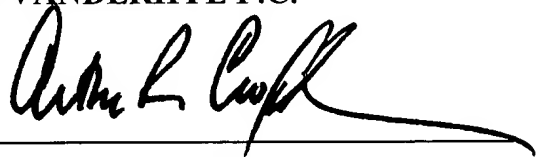
You are hereby authorized to charge any costs or fees associated with this petition [37 C.F.R. §1.17 (i)] to deposit account 14-1140.

Considering the unusual circumstances involved, favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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# A List of Those Killed on Swissair Flight 111

Following is a list of the passengers and crew members killed in the crash of Swissair Flight 111, released last night by the airline. Two of the 215 passengers were not named. Ages or hometowns of the victims were not released.

ABADY, George	COBURN, Richard	JACKMAN, Olivier	MOLINIER, Jean-Philippe	SMITH, Caroline
ABERY, Keith	COLINBARRAND, Thierry	JASAN, Jay	MONAY, N.	SPANNE, Per
ABOUTAAM, Sleiman	COLMERY, Barry	JEGGE, Evelyn	MORERO, JP.	SPANOPOULOU, Eugenia
ABOUTAAM, Suad	COLMERY, Julie	JEGGE, Isabelle	MORERO, M.	SPANOPOULOU, Hóditsev-Plato
ACEVEDO, Ingrid	DANON, Albert	JHURANI, Somesh	MORTIMER, Hilda B.	SPERBER, Julie
AELLEN, Pierre-Andre	DEGRAEF, Maarten	JUNOD, Maryline	MORTIMER, John H.	SPERBER, Thomas
ALBERTSEN, Else	DEMEIRE, Jana	KAISER, Marina	MOSER, Julie	SPRINGER, Hilloyd
ALBERTSEN, Torkild	DEPLEDGE, Caroline	KARAMANOUKIAN, Serge	MOZES, Jean-Max	SPRINGER, Judith
ALLEAUME, Bruno	DEPLEDGE, Jane	KASSEL, James T.	MUNARI, Jaques	STAUFFER, Peter
ALSAUD, Bandar	DEPLEDGE, Micheal	KEFALIDIS, N.	NAPOLI, Phyllis	STAUTER, Robert
AMPOSTA, M.	DEPLEDGE, Norman	KIEF, Kevin	NAVARRO, Yolanda	
BABOLAT, Pierre	DEROUSSAN, Yves	KINDERGEIGER, Klaus	NELSON, Tara	TAHMOUSH, Albert
BACONNIER, Pascal	DIBA, Mahmood	KITSINGER, Eric	NEUWEILER, Adrienne	TAHMOUSH, Odette
BAEUMER, Ludwig	DITCHKUS, L.	KLEIN, Stanley	NEUWEILER, John	THIOUDELLET, Alexandre
BALL, Eudyce	DITCHKUS, M.	KLEINMAN, Karen	NOCETO, Betty	THIOUDELLET, Emmanuel
BALL, Martin	DOMINIGUE, Karen	KLEINMAN, Leonard	NOCETO, Claude	THOMPSON, Ernest
BELL, Patrick W.	DONALDSON, Rhonda	KOHLER, Stephane	OGARA, William	THORENS, Sebastien
BENJAMIN, Jesse	DUMITRU, C.	KOKORUDA, Jean	OMRAN, A.	TOMOV, Nenad
BENJAMIN, Stacey	EZELL, Patricia	KOKORUDA, Robert	PEREAU, Clelia	TOPFGIBSON, Nancy
BENJAMIN, Wahkyn	FETHEROLF, Tara	KREIS, Thomas	PEREAU, Jean-Louis	TSOLLIS, Christós
BENJAMIN, Whitney	FINE, Douglas	KRETSCHMER, Heidi	PEREAU, Joelle	TZAMARIOUDAKI, Maria
	FREVIEW, Maryvonne	LAMOTTA, Joseph	PEREAU, Sylvie	
	FROGHI	LATTIMER, Don	PERROUD, E.	VILLET, Vincent
BILGER, Joachim	FUHRMANN, William	LATTIMER, Nancy	PINOESCH, Sker	WHITE, Rowennallee
BITTENBINDER, Suzanne	GAMBONE, Deborah	LEMAITRE, Anne-Laure	PLUMLEIGH, Charlotte	WILCOX, Alex
BOLSTERLI, Andrew	GAMBONE, Michael	LESAICHOT, Jean-Luc	PLUMLEIGH, Glen	WILCOX, Petra
BOUCHOUT, Geoffroy	GARBOUDES, Amanda	LEVY, Ronny M.	RAPPAZ, M. Cecile	WILKINS, Monte
BOURE, Faye	GARBOUDES, Christine	LIBRETT, Jeffrey M.	RAPPAZ, Michel	WILLIAMS, Roger
BOURE, Rosline	GARBOUDES, Herve	LUCAS, Anna B.	RATNAVALE, J.	WILSON, Jonathan
BOVE, Jane	GARBOUDES, Tristan	LUCAS, James N.	RATNAVALE, V.	ZENIOS, Marino
BURCKHARD, Erich	GERETY, Pierce	MAILLET, Denis	RICHARD, Karine	
BURGHARDT, Susan	HAMMOND, Joan	MAILLET, Robert	RIZZA, A.	Crew
BURRUS, Dominique	HAMMOND, Paul	MAKAREVITCH, Manuel	RIZZA, Victor	ZIMMERMANN, Urs
BURRUS, Thierry	HASTIE, Cheriem	MAKAREVITCH, Manuel	ROMANO, Raymond	LOEW, Stephan
CALVETMASSY, C.	HAUSMAN, Thomas	MALLIN, Gilda	ROSSI, Maurizio	OBERHNSLI, Ren
CAPPOLA, Maxine	HEWSON, Roberte	MALLIN, Ralph	SALAKHOUTDINOVA, E.	PAZELLER, Seraina
CARIPIDES, Gabriela	HOCHE, Gabriel	MANN, Jonathan	SALAMA, Magda	SCHWAB, Peter
CARIPIDES, Peter	HOOTSEV, Andrew	MARTIN, Joseph	SANNA, Nino	SCHWAB, Peter
CARIPIDES, William	HOEL, Anne-Sophie	MEHRARABANSAMIT, Elahah	SAUGY, Crystel	POMPILI, Jeannine
CEGAR, Natasa	HOEL, Francois	MENDO, C.	SCARBORO, A.	WIPRCHTIGER, Brigitte
CHAPMAN, Cauley	HOEL, Marie-Francoise	MILNE, Alma	SCOTT, Matthew	BIRKLE, Raphael
CHAPMAN, Mark	HOEL, Olivia	MILNE, Robert	SCOUAR, N.	BETRISSEY, Irene
CHATELAIN, Odette	HOPCRAFT, Lawrence	MIRALAI, Astrid	SEQUI, S.	CASTIONI, Anne E.
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CHEVEY, Nathalie	ICONOMOPOULOU, C.H.	MIRALAI, Houchang	SHEER, Diane	ZUBER, Florence
CHEVEY, Nicolas		MOLINIER, Francoise	SHEER, Donald	EBERHART, Patricia
CLEMENTSMANN, Marylou			SHUSTER, Stephanie	REUTEMANN, Regula